

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated November 8, 2004, Examiner objected to claims 1 and 2 for failing to spell out the acronyms "TMR" and "XPC." Applicant has corrected the claims accordingly to clarify that TMR stands for tunneling magneto-resistance and XPC stands for cross point memory cell, as both are well known in the art.

Claims 1, 3, and 4 were rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to provide sufficient antecedent basis for various claim elements. While Applicant does not concede that the claims were indefinite as filed, Applicant has amended the claims to more precisely claim the invention in a manner Applicant believes is fully responsive to and overcomes Examiner's rejection.

Applicant has also corrected certain informality and typographical errors in the claims and the specification that were identified during review of the pending application. No new subject matter has been added by these amendments and Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt indication of the allowance of pending claims 1 - 17 is earnestly requested. Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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